

A message was received from the House, notifying the Senate of the passage by that body of House concurrent resolution, inviting General Diaz and other Mexican citizens en route to Texas, to visit the Capital City.

Senator Fleming moved to suspend the rules and take up the above House concurrent resolution just reported from the House.

Rules suspended, and concurrent resolution taken up, and, on motion of Senator Fleming, adopted.

Senator Gooch moved previous question on pending amendment of Senator Houston to Senate joint resolution No. 2.

Motion seconded and main question ordered.

The amendment of Senator Houston was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Chesley,	Harris,	Peacock,
Collins,	Houston,	Perry,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Jones,	Pope,
Fowler,	Martin,	Randolph,
Gibbs,	Patton,	

NAYS—11.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Shannon,
Davis,	Gooch,	Terrell,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Traylor,
Farrar,	Matlock,	

Senator Peacock moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

On motion of Senator Pope, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 21, 1883.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Chaplin, of Brenham.

On motion of Senator Perry, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with, and the same adopted.

Senator Collins, for Committee on Stock and Stockraising, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 20, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 217, entitled "An act to amend chapter 93, of the acts of April 4, 1881, an act to protect stockraisers, and to encourage stockraising," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

COLLINS, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

Senator Pfeuffer, chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the special message of the Governor, accompanied by a communication from Hon. W. J. Swain, Comptroller, relating to back taxes, and certain resolutions passed by the Capitol Board, recommending an appropriation for the purpose of protecting the temporary Capitol from imminent dangers from fire and rain, in case the foundation should be weakened by water, have had the last named subject under consideration, and have instructed a bill to be reported, which is returned herewith, recommending an appropriation of sixteen thousand dollars for the purpose of protecting the temporary Capitol from dangers now imminent on account of improper drainage, and other defects and requisites necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill

No. 279, entitled "An act to amend article 3724, chapter 3, title 95, Revised Statutes, to fix and equalize the compensation of assessors of taxes," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 259, entitled "An act to amend article 4767, Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of tax collectors," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the accompanying substitute therefor, with the recommendation that the substitute do pass.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 286, entitled "An act to provide a clerk for the Secretary of the Board of Education, to fix his salary, and to make an appropriation for the same," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PFEUFFER, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Davis, for Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred Senate petitions Nos. 23, 24, 28, 31, 33, 36, 37, 45, 46 and 47, requesting the submission of an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in this State," have had the same under consideration, and the majority of the committee instruct me to report back the accompanying joint resolution and to recommend the adoption of the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVIS, for Committee.

Senator Harris, chairman of Committee on Judicial Districts, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 49, entitled "An act to reorganize the twenty-fifth judicial district of the State of Texas, and to provide the times for holding the district courts therein," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRIS, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Martin, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 1, being "An act to further regulate the creation and proceedings of private corporations, by amending articles 566 and 570, of title 20, of the Revised Statutes, and by adding to said title another article, to be styled article 574a;"

Also, Senate bill No. 218, being "An act to amend articles 1007 and 1008 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, approved February 21, 1879;"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

MARTIN, Chairman.

Senator Patton introduced a bill to be entitled "An act relating to certain contracts for the lease or conditional sale of railroad equipments and rolling stock, and providing for the record thereof."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Perry introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to require railroad companies in this State to allow passengers to travel on freight trains on their roads, where they do

not run at least two passenger trains each way every twenty-four hours."

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Pfeuffer introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the organization and establishment of school districts in the several counties of the State, and to prescribe the duties of officers in relation to the management of the public school system in the counties, and to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes in school districts for school purposes, and amending articles, Revised Statutes, Nos. 3753, 3754, 3757, 3758 and 3760, and repealing articles, Revised Statutes, Nos. 3732, clauses 6 and 7 of article 3744, articles 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, 3752, 3755, 3759, 3762, 3763, 3765, 3767, 3771, 3772, 3773, 3774, 3775, 3776, 3777, 3778, 3779, 3780, and repealing laws in conflict with this act."

Referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of Senator Fleming, one hundred copies of the above mentioned bill were ordered printed.

The President laid before the Senate Senate bill No. 269, "An act to provide for the classification, sale and lease of the lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common school fund," which was the special order for this hour.

Senator Jones moved to postpone the consideration of Senate joint resolution No. 2, the unfinished business of yesterday.

On motion of Senator Patton, Senator Kleberg was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Johnston of Shelby, Senator Pope was excused for the rest of the week.

Motion of Senator Jones to postpone lost by the following vote, it requiring a two-thirds vote to change the regular order of business:

YEAS—15.

Cooper,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Martin,	Randolph,
Fleming,	Patton,	Stratton,
Getzendaner,	Peacock,	Terrell,
Gibbs,	Perry,	Traylor.

NAYS—12.

Buchanan,	Fowler,	Johnson of Collin,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Johnson of Shelby,
Collins,	Harris,	Matlock,
Davis,	Houston,	Shannon.

Senator Fleming moved to postpone the special order till to-morrow morning, after the morning call.

Senator Gooch raised the point of order that a similar motion had just been defeated, and the motion was out of order.

The President ruled that the motion to postpone the special order till to-morrow was not identical with the motion to postpone regular order to take up other business, and was in order.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Chesley,	Gibbs,	Perry,
Cooper,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Martin,	Randolph,
Fleming,	Patton,	Stratton,
Getzendaner,	Peacock,	Terrell.

NAYS—12.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Johnson of Shelby,
Collins,	Harris,	Matlock,
Davis,	Houston,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Johnson of Collin,	Traylor.

Senator Gooch raised the point of order that it required a two-thirds vote to postpone special order.

The President read from the rules to show that the motion to postpone can be entertained, like other motions, during debate, and as the special order came up before the Senate in the regular order of business it can be disposed of like any other business before the Senate.

Senator Terrell raised the point of order that discussion was out of order.

Sustained, and the bill declared postponed till to-morrow after morning call.

Senate joint resolution No. 2, "to submit certain amendments to article 7 of the Constitution," was taken up as the unfinished business of yesterday, the motion of Senator Peacock to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment of Senator Houston pending.

Senator Peacock withdrew his motion to reconsider, and offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution as amended by striking out the words "not more than twenty-five cents," and insert "twenty cents."

The President laid before the Senate an invitation by General Geo. D. Johnston to the members of the Senate to listen to an address to be delivered by him in Hall of the House of Representatives at 7:30 o'clock to-night, in behalf of the Southern Historical Society, of Richmond, Virginia.

Senator Pope moved the previous question on the pending amendment.

Motion seconded.

The Senate refused to order the main question by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Davis,	Getzendaner,	Patton,
Evans,	Gibbs,	Perry,
Farrar,	Matlock,	Pope.

NAYS—20.

Buchanan,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Chesley,	Houston,	Randolph,
Collins,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Cooper,	Johnson of Shelby,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Martin,	Traylor.
Gooch,	Peacock,	

Senator Matlock moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—3.

Cooper,	Matlock,	Patton.
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NAYS—26.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Perry,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Collins,	Harris,	Pope,
Davis,	Houston,	Randolph,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Farrar,	Johnson of Shelby,	Stratton,
Fleming,	Jones,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Martin,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,	Peacock,	

Senator Buchanan moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock p. m., to-day.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—16.

Buchanan,	Fowler,	Pfeuffer,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Randolph,
Collins,	Harris,	Stratton,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Johnson of Shelby,	Traylor.
Fleming,		

NAYS—13.

Cooper,	Jones,	Peacock,
Davis,	Martin,	Perry,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Pope,
Gibbs,	Patton,	Shannon.
Houston,		

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Martin in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

The President laid before the Senate Senate joint resolution No. 2, pending on adjournment.

Senator Peacock withdrew his amendment, which was pending, and renewed his motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Senator Houston was adopted.

Motion to reconsider adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Shannon,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Stratton,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Evans,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Farrar,	Peacock,	

NAYS—13.

Chesley,	Harris,	Patton,
Collins,	Houston,	Perry,
Fleming,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Fowler,	Martin,	Randolph.
Gibbs,		

Senator Houston moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called. Absent, Senator Johnston of Shelby.

Pending bill went to the table.

Senator Cooper introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents now suspended for want of reports of county clerks."

Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Jones introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for a geological survey of the State of Texas, to make appropriation therefor, and for the appointment of a State Geologist."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Also, a joint resolution providing for the calling of a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas.

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The President laid before the Senate House joint resolution No. 35, "Instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to prevent the removal of troops and the abandonment of military posts on the Rio Grande frontier," on its second reading. Read second time.

Senator Gibbs offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "instructed" and insert "requested."

Lost.

Resolution passed to third reading.

Senator Collins moved to suspend rules and put resolution on its third reading.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—26.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Peacock
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Perry,
Collins,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Houston,	Randolph,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Jones,	Stratton,
Farrar,	Martin,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Fowler,	Patton,	

NAYS—none.

Resolution read third time and passed.

The President gave notice of signing Senate concurrent resolution No. 155, "Resolution requesting the Senators and

Representatives from Texas to aid in the passage of an act to equip and support an agricultural experiment station in each State, under the control of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College."

Also, Senate substitute bill No. 14, "An act to provide for the payment of certain debts of the State out of that half of the proceeds of the sale of the public lands not belonging to the common school fund.

Senator Jones moved to dispense with the regular order of business, and take up substitute Senate bill No. 221, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the organization of a board to direct, supervise and control the work of obtaining and presenting statements, accounts and abstracts showing the amount and character of the claims of the State of Texas against the government of the United States, for moneys expended by said State in protecting her frontiers; to prepare proper vouchers, and to obtain and present necessary proof in support of said claim, as required by an act of Congress, entitled 'an act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to examine and report to Congress the amount of all claims of the States of Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Nebraska, California, Kansas and Nevada, and the Territories of Washington and Idaho, for moneys expended and indebtedness assumed by said States and Territories in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities, and for other purposes,' approved June 27, 1882; to provide means and to employ the necessary clerical force to enable said board to discharge its duties, and to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of the same."

Adopted, and bill taken up and read second time.

Senator Buchanan, chairman of Committee on Public Debt, by consent, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 21, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Debt, to whom was referred certain claims due various persons for frontier protection prior to 1861, have considered the same, and I am instructed to report that there are but few of these claims outstanding, and that, in the opinion of your committee, they are just claims against the State, and that an appropriation of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, should be made to pay the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BUCHANAN, Chairman.

The Senate announced full, and the consideration of Senate joint resolution No. 2 resumed.

Senator Gibbs offered the following amendment to amendment of Senator Houston:

Amend by adding "not less than twelve and one-half cents," after the words "not more than twenty-five cents."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—20.

Buchanan,	Fleming,	Patton,
Chesley,	Fowler,	Perry,
Collins,	Gibbs,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Harris,	Randolph,
Davis,	Houston,	Shannon,
Evans,	Jones,	Stratton.
Farrar,	Matlock,	

NAYS—8.

Getzendaner,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell,
Gooch,	Martin,	Traylor.
Johnson of Collin,	Peacock,	

Senator Houston's amendment, as amended, lost by the following vote:

YEAS—13.

Chesley,	Houston,	Perry,
Collins,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Martin,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Patton,	Stratton.
Harris,		

NAYS—15.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Davis,	Gooch,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Traylor.

Senator Davis offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding,

It shall be the duty of the commissioners' court of every county to divide the county into convenient school districts, in which may be maintained one or more schools; but every incorporated city or town that has heretofore or may hereafter assume control of public schools therein, under section 10, article 11, of this Constitution, shall constitute a separate school district, with the rights and privileges conferred by said section 10, article 11, and the laws enacted thereunder.

Every school district may levy an ad valorem tax upon all property therein, sufficient, in connection with its pro rata of available school fund, to maintain public schools in such district for such time as may be desired, not to exceed ten months in the year.

The tax last above mentioned shall never exceed one-fourth of one per cent, and cannot be levied until a majority of the freeholders over the age of twenty-one years, residing and owning real estate therein, of the value of three hundred dollars or more, shall so direct at an election to be held for that purpose.

Withdrawn.

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment:

"Provided, That when the aforesaid State school tax, with the aid of school revenue from all other sources, shall, without regard to local taxation, be sufficient to support a general efficient system for a longer term than six months in the year, the rate may be reduced."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Perry,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Martin,	Traylor.

NAYS—13.

Chesley,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Houston,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Shannon,
Gibbs,	Patton,	Stratton.

Senator Patton offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "fifteen cents" and insert "twenty cents."

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—13.

Chesley,	Houston,	Perry,
Collins,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Martin,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Patton,	Stratton.
Harris,		

NAYS—15.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Davis,	Gooch,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Traylor.

Senator Chesley offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out "fifteen cents," and insert "sixteen and two-thirds cents."

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—13.

Chesley,	Harris,	Perry,
Collins,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Jones,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Patton,	Stratton.
Gibbs,		

NAYS—15.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Martin,	Traylor.

Senator Jones offered the following substitute:

SECTION 4. There shall be levied and collected annually an ad valorem tax of not less than twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on all property in the State subject to taxation, and a poll tax of one dollar on each male inhabitant in this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, for the benefit of the public free schools; provided, the Legislature shall have power to reduce the ad valorem tax herein provided for to such rate as that the revenue arising therefrom, added to the available school fund accruing from any source other than taxation, which shall be sufficient to support the public free schools for six months in the year.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Chesley,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Collins,	Jones,	Randolph,
Fleming,	Martin,	Stratton.
Fowler,	Patton,	

NAYS—17.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Perry,
Davis,	Harris,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	

Senator Johnston of Collin offered the following amendment:

SEC. 3. There shall be annually levied and collected an ad valorem State tax of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on all property in the State subject to taxation, and a poll tax of one dollar on each male inhabitant in this State, between the ages of twenty and sixty years, for the benefit of the public free schools; and there shall be annually set apart for the same purpose one-fourth of the revenue of the State derived from occupation taxes; provided, that if it shall be found that the amount of money to be derived from taxation herein provided for, and the interest on permanent school fund and other sources of school revenue, other than local taxation, is more than sufficient to run the public free schools of the State annually for a longer period than five months, then the Legislature shall have authority to reduce the rate of taxation herein fixed, so that said amount shall not fall below what is necessary to run said schools for five months in each year.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—3.

Davis,	Farrar,	Johnson of Collin.
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NAYS—25.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Harris,	Perry,
Collins,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Randolph,
Evans,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Martin,	Stratton,
Fowler,	Matlock,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Patton,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

Senator Chesley offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to section 3 the following:

"And until otherwise provided by law, the tax collector in each organized county in this State, and the Comptroller for the unorganized counties, shall, upon the tax assessment for the year 1883, and for each year thereafter, collect the fifteen cents State tax herein provided, and the same, less the tax collectors' commission, shall be paid into the State Treasury, as a part of the available school fund for the year in which such assessment is made."

Lost.

Senator Chesley moved to reconsider the vote just cast. Adopted, and vote reconsidered by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Harris,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Houston,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton,
Gibbs,	Patton,	Traylor.

NAYS—13.

Collins,	Getzendaner,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Perry,
Davis,	Jones,	Randolph,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell.
Farrar,		

Senator Chesley moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—10.

Chesley,	Houston,	Patton,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Perry,
Fowler,	Jones,	Stratton.
Getzendaner,		

NAYS—18.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Collins,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Harris,	Randolph,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell.
Fleming,	Matlock,	Traylor.

Senator Chesley moved to amend by striking out "1883" and inserting "1884."

Lost.

Senator Chesley's amendment, under reconsideration, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Buchanan,	Fleming,	Pfeuffer,
Chesley,	Fowler,	Randolph,
Collins,	Gibbs,	Stratton,
Evans,	Gooch,	Traylor.
Farrar,	Harris,	

NAYS—12.

Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnston of Shelby,	Perry,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Shannon,
Houston,	Matlock,	Terrell.

Senator Martin moved to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Upon which the vote stood as follows:

YEAS—14.

Chesley,	Harris,	Perry,
Collins,	Houston,	Randolph,
Farrar,	Johnston of Shelby,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Martin,	Stratton.
Getzendaner,	Patton,	

NAYS—14.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Gooch,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Evans,	Jones,	Traylor.
Fleming,	Matlock,	

There being a tie vote, the President voted "no," and the Senate refused to adjourn.

Senator Johnston of Shelby offered the following substitute:

SECTION 3. There shall be annually levied and collected an ad valorem tax of not more than twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on all property in the State subject to taxation, and a poll tax of one dollar on each male inhabitant in this State between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, for the benefit of the public free schools, and there shall be annually set apart, for the same purpose, one-fourth of the State revenue derived from occupation taxes.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Collins,	Harris,	Patton,
Fleming,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Fowler,	Johnston of Shelby,	Randolph,
Gibbs,	Martin,	

NAYS—17.

Buchanan,	Getzendaner,	Perry,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Shannon,
Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Stratton,
Davis,	Jones,	Terrell,
Evans,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Farrar,	Peacock,	

On motion of Senator Chesley, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Chesley,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Collins,	Harris,	Perry,
Farrar,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Johnston of Shelby,	Randolph,
Fowler,	Jones,	Stratton.
Getzendaner,	Martin,	

NAYS—10.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Shannon,
Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Davis,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Evans,	Peacock,	

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 22, 1883. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Poindexter, Chaplain of the House.

Senator Buchanan moved to dispense with reading of the journal of yesterday.

Motion prevailed, journal amended, and, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Matlock offered a petition from J. W. Chowning and other citizens of Wilbarger county, asking for the passage of a bill granting relief to certain persons residing upon State school lands.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Matlock, chairman of Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, February 22, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Land, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 114, entitled "An act to amend 'an act to set aside the public lands embraced within the territorial limits of the county of Greer to educational purposes and for the payment of the public debt', approved February 25, 1879," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it lie on the table, and that the accompanying substitute for said bill do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATLOCK, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Matlock introduced a bill entitled "An act for the relief of J. W. Chowning and other citizens of Wilbarger county."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Senator Traylor introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act to further provide for the supervision and management of the construction of the new State capital building, and to make an appropriation therefor, approved May 5, 1882."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Buchanan introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to establish and maintain a system of normal institutes for the better qualification of teachers."

Referred to Committee on Education.